

DORE SCHWINDEN
Government and Business Experience Bio

BUSINESS & LABOR
EXHIBIT NO. 9
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EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Director, Montana Department of Commerce, 2010-Present

Agency Director, responsible for:

- Promotion and development of Montana's economy through economic development, state planning, community development, recreational development and housing resources.
- Managing biennial agency budget totaling \$112 million.

Owner/Operator, Schwinden Farms, 1983-Present

- Fourth generation farm in Wolf Point, MT.

Deputy Commissioner, Montana Department of Labor and Industry, 2005-2010

Chief of Staff, responsible for:

- Ensuring the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees in Montana, through agency resources and professional and occupational licensing boards and programs.
- Managing biennial agency budget totaling \$144 million.

Legislative Director/Land Board Advisor, Montana State Auditor, 2003-2005

Responsible for:

- Advising the trustee on issues before the State Land Board.
- Managing Montana's 5.1 million surface acre trust land portfolio, providing \$42 million in annual revenue funding for K-12 education.

Consultant, Stillwater Mining Company, 2000-2001

- Government affairs consultant to SMC, the largest Platinum Group Metals mining operation in the Western Hemisphere, with a market capitalization of \$1.95 billion operating in Montana's Stillwater and Sweet Grass Counties.

State Representative, Montana House of Representatives, 1993-1997

Committees:

- State Administration (Minority Chair)
- Natural Resources
- Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
- Highways and Transportation
- Legislative Liaison Montana Lottery, Administrative Code Committee

Administrative Officer, Montana Department of Labor and Industry, 1981-1983

Administrative Officer in Labor Commissioner's Office, responsible for:

- All administrative functions, press releases and major agency reorganizations.

RELATED EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

- Director, Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company, 1993-Present
- Governor's Award for Excellence, 2009
- Treasurer/CFO, Montana Wildlife Federation, 1999-2000
- Emeritus Member, University of Montana Alumni Association
- University of Montana, B.A., 1981
- Education in Wolf Point and Helena Public Schools